Government Annex Building, Commissioners Meeting Room

December 10, 2019 6:00 pm

The meeting was opened with Howard Malcomb leading the pledge.

Members present were Howard Malcomb, Paul Belding, Charlie Weber, Dave Woodall, Mike Gerth and Mandy Creech. Bob Ellis was absent.

Mike Gerth made the motion to approve the prior minutes. Mandy Creech seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Nicci Lucas, HR, presented the council with Indiana Code on Courts and Court Officers in reference to the Clerks Record Perpetuation Fund per Clerk Amy Thompson's request. Amy reported that she submits each month to the Document Storage Fee. She asked that the Council review this. There is a line item in her budget but is not designated "Clerk Perpetuation Fund". She would prefer it reference that so she can use it for what is outlined in the IC. She has a printout of all the activity in the fund. She has a balance of \$68,146.00. It currently is labeled No Department. Charlie Weber made the motion to rename 4921 to Clerk's Record Perpetuation Fund. Dave Woodall seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Nicci then spoke on STAT Flight membership that was presented previously. There are approximately 212 employees. PHI is offering a national membership for \$35.00/household. There are 3 options: 1. The county pays 100% which would be \$7,420.00. 2. The county pay ½ and employee pays ½ which would be a cost of \$3,710.00. 3. The county opts not to contribute this year and revisit it next year. New employees coming in would be eligible for this. Nicci would like to propose that the county cover this for the 2020 calendar year at 100% with the funds coming out of the general fund. Any person in the county can be covered by this, however it would be at \$50.00/year instead of \$35.00. After the first of the year Jill from STAT Flight is coming back and presenting this to all of the community. Charlie Weber made the motion to adopt Option #2, 50/50 and it be taken out of the General Fund under Group Insurance. Mike Gerth seconded the motion. Motion passed with Dave Woodall abstaining.

Greg Martin from Muscatatuck County Park reported that even though they are requesting \$51,125.00 there will be a \$10,000.00 grant towards that. He gave the Council a confirmation for the foundation grant. He also gave information on previous grants over the past 5 years. He spoke on the Next Level Trails Grant and how that would flow for 5 years. He has a preliminary reasonable plan that has been submitted to the Park Board. Ultimately at the end of the 5 year cycle they would set money aside money for ECHO Lake Park. He is asking for funds to complete the bathrooms and the spray grounds. They would like to offer that bid to Day & Son. There has been an anonymous donor who donated a bathroom but didn't want to pay for the connectivity. The Park will be responsible for the sidewalk,

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the sewer connection and the water connection. That is roughly \$30,000.00. The engineers left out some pretty significant items in the Spray Grounds. He is asking for \$51,125.00 to complete the Spray Grounds, \$4,000.00 to complete the Splash/Shade Area and \$3,000.00 for Spray Grounds Landscaping. This is money from the Parks non-reverting funds and it is at \$93,000.00 today. There are some items pending for this fund. After the pending items and the above request the fund will be at about \$40,000.00. The \$40,000.00 is what is to be set aside for the Next Level Trails. Mike Gerth made the motion to approve the amounts of \$51,125.00, \$4,000.00 and \$3,000.00 from Fund 1178. Dave Woodall seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Gerth, EMS, reported that he had a 3 year EMT resign in November. He has found another employee with 12 years EMS experience, 10 years of that as a paramedic. He would like to increase that salary due to the experience, etc. That would be a difference of \$5,326.00. Dave Woodall made the motion to pay the new hire the additional \$5,326.00. Charlie Weber seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave also said that one of the trucks had to go to the shop. Bowman Ford called today and said there is internal engine problems and needs a new motor. It's a 2007 or 2008 diesel and has around 90,000 miles on it. The estimate is \$20,000.00. A new ambulance is approximately \$163,000.00. He said that if there is a new motor installed it should last another 3-4 years. This is the next one to be replaced. They normally get 13-15 years out of an ambulance. EMS was approved for \$60,000.00 in the budget for next year for heart monitors. When Dave initially priced them they were around \$28,000.00 each. He looked around and has gotten it down to about \$21,000.00 each. He could transfer part of that money that was tagged for the monitors to help pay for the motor. Howard said they could possibly take some out of Public Safety. Dave will buy 2 heart monitors at \$21,000.00/each and transfer the remaining \$18,000.00 to go towards the new motor. They will revisit this in January, 2020 for the remaining balance.

Diana Daeger, Drug and Alcohol Task Force, shared that they have had an opportunity to bring a speaker in to present to the High School and Middle School students and do a presentation that will be open to the public. Tim Ryan has an impactful story about his life as an addict and his road to recovery. Diana is asking for an additional appropriation of \$20,000.00 in 2020 for a total of \$40,000.00. It is already in her account in Fund 1148. Mike Gerth made the motion for the additional appropriation of \$20,000.00. Dave Woodall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Tessia Salsman, Auditor, reported on additional appropriation from last month; \$75,000.00 for the \$150.00 bonus to each employee to adjust the pay periods; \$3,000.00 for the Winter Conference; \$28,000.00 to catch up the Sheriff's department holidays (except Dave Turner); \$5,000.00

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that Jim Reeves asked for the fairgrounds. This comes out of the 2019 budget. Charlie Weber made the motion for the additional appropriation and Paul Belding seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Tessia also reported that she has gotten with Ellie Bright and she has said the elected officials are not eligible for the \$150.00 bonus. Mike Gerth made the motion to not include elected officials for the \$150.00 bonus. Mandy Creech seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Also the ordinance for the loan for purchase of a county vehicle for the dump truck was discussed. This comes out of the highway fund. Dave Woodall made motion to approve ordinance to allow Matt Sporleder, President of Commissioners, to sign for the loan. Mandy Creech seconded. Motion passed with Mike Gerth abstaining.

The gentleman who puts in the solar for the city and county would like to give an update on the progress in a meeting with the Commissioners, County Council, Sheriff and Greg Martin. This could be an open meeting for the public as a work session.

Charlie Weber made the motion to adjourn. Dave Woodall seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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